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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the enclosed United States Application entitled "Greetings Card" which claims priority from British Application No. 0227040.3 filed 20 November 2002.

**In The Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following headers and paragraph:

**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This is an United States Application entitled "Greetings Card" claiming priority to British Application No. 0227040.3 filed 20 November 2002.

## **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION-**

**After line 8 on Page 2.insert the following header:**

## **--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**

**Page 2, replace the paragraph beginning at line 9 with the following:**

According to a first aspect of the present invention there is provided a greetings card, said greetings card including at least first and second panels, said panels movable between a closed position wherein said panels are adjacent to each other and an open position wherein the panels are a spaced distance apart, said greetings card further including electroluminescent means provided thereon and electronic circuitry associated with said electroluminescent means to generate an electric charge to illuminate said means, characterized in that said circuitry is provided with means to allow the illumination of said electroluminescent means to fade in and/or out of at least one illumination sequence during use.

**Page 6, replace the paragraph beginning at line 24 with the following:**

In a further embodiment a frequency adaptor is provided for use with illuminating the LEPs. By adjusting the frequency at which the LEPs are switched on/off, the color of the LEPs can be adjusted accordingly. Thus, a variety of different colors can be

**Page 7, replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 with the following:**

provided without the requirement for separate colored LED bulbs to be used, as would be the case with conventional greetings cards.

**Page 8, replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 with the following:**

generate an electric charge for illumination of said means, characterized in that said electronic circuitry includes detection means for detection of one or more pre-defined criteria and, upon detection of said pre-defined criteria an electric charge is provided to said electroluminescent means to cause illumination thereof.

**Page 8, replace the paragraph beginning at line 10 with the following:**

The advantages of the present invention are that an LEP display is lighter in weight than conventional LEDs. The LEP display can be printed easily onto the greetings card, thereby reducing the time and cost of manufacturing the card. In addition, LEPs can be used to create a greater range of designs due to the larger surface area that can be illuminated and the ease with which the color of the illuminated display can be changed.

**Before line 17 on Page 8 insert the following header:**

**--DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--**

**Page 9, before line 3, insert the following header:**

**--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--**

**Page 10, replace the paragraph beginning at line 11 with the following:**

It will be appreciated by persons skilled in the art that the fading in/fading out can also take place from a previous illumination sequence.

**Page 13 after the last line, insert the following new paragraph:**

--While the invention has been described with a certain degree of particularly, it is manifest that many changes may be made in the details of construction and the arrangement of components without departing from the spirit and scope of this disclosure. It is understood that the invention is not limited to the embodiments set forth herein for purposes of exemplification, but is to be limited only by the scope of the attached claim or claims, including the full range of equivalency to which each element thereof is entitled.--